

Construction of a Bridge across Honnehole near Alur.

Q.—661 Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether an estimate has been prepared for the construction of a bridge across Honnehole near Alur on the Alur-Doddarayapete Road;

(b) the estimated expenditure thereof;

(c) the date of preparation of such estimate;

(d) whether sanction has been recently accorded for the inclusion of the above scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 1,13,000

(c) 1948-49.

(d) No.

Refusal to Permit Loudspeakers at the Meeting of Maharashtra Samithi, Belgaum.

Q.—710. Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Belgaum II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that a meeting on behalf of Maharashtra Eki-karan Samithi was held at 6-30 P.M. on the 21st May 1957 in the Maruthi Temple at Belgaum;

(b) whether they are aware that permission to use the loud speakers was refused;

(c) the rules applicable for issuing such permission; and the date on which the rules were framed;

(d) whether they will place a copy of the rules on the Table of the House;

(e) whether they are aware that the loudspeakers were used on the occasion of some function in the above temple on 8th April 1957?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No application for permission to use loudspeakers at the said meeting was received.

(c) & (d) A copy of the rules framed by the District Magistrate under section 33 (1) (r) (iii) of the Bombay Police Act, 1951 (Bombay XXII of 1951) under his Notification No. DC/POL/1486 dated 5th February 1955 is placed on the Table of the House. Placed in the Legislature Library No. 17—L.A. 1957.

(e) No application for permission to use loudspeaker in the said temple on 8th April 1957 was received and no such permission was granted to any person.

Member's Representation

*Sri B. SHAM SUNDER (Bhalki).—Sir, I want to represent something. When the House was sitting in June or July, I had sent some questions and am still expecting answers. Some 20 days ago, I sent a short-notice question for which again I am expecting answer. I do not know what has happened to my questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please see me afterwards. I will try to expedite the replies.

Sri B. SHAM SUNDER.—Last time you read something about that statement on the adjournment motion and the closure motion. I do not know the practice throughout India. I think in most of the Assemblies whenever we speak, the next day, we get a manuscript copy of the speech for correction and approval. We are not getting our speeches for approval and there is a lot of misunderstanding about it. The other day I had moved the closure motion before the Hon'ble Member said something. But it is mentioned there that I moved the closure motion when he was speaking. That is wrong. The exact situation at that time in the House was difficult even for the Chair to understand. I know it fully well. I had to bring to the notice of the

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Chair today because, tomorrow is the last day and up till now I am unable to get any of my speeches for correction.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I know the difficulty of the Hon'ble Member so far as speeches are concerned. I am trying to expand the staff and there is a lot of difficulty about it. I have still to overcome the difficulty in this respect. That is why you do not get your speeches soon after, you make them for approval here. I am trying to look into the matter and trying to increase the staff so that the Hon'ble Members may get their speeches for approval as early as possible.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Sir, I think about 28th or 29th May I had sent some interpellations and I thought I could get answers from the Education Minister. If the Government should treat the matter so lightly I do not know what to say. I can only take it that the Government are not willing to furnish answers to the interpellations. In all humility I submit to the Chair with very great respect, after all, why should we come here and what is it that we can do if we do not get answers to our questions in a reasonable measure of time. Five long months have gone. Government have drafted a number of Bills and they have done so many things. If we are not able to get answers to our questions I am sorry I do not know how the Government machinery is running. I request that the Chair may be pleased to put pressure and get answers from Government for the remaining interpellations I have sent.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am trying to look into it.

Sri J. SARVESH (Serum).—I sent some questions. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not necessary to raise the matter here.

Let this question be solved once for all. I am trying to look into this question and am trying to expedite replies. If any other Hon'ble Members have any grievance in this respect, they will please let me know their grievances and what sort of questions they have tabled. I will try to expedite the matter.

AN HON'BLE MEMBER.—That is a general grievance, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes, that is a general grievance I know.

*Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO (Mysore City).—Sir, early during this Session, I had sent in a short-notice question thinking that the matter was urgent. We are now drawing to the close of the Session and I do not know why that short-notice question is withheld.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I must have disposed of that short-notice question. I will look into it. Either I must have turned that into an ordinary question or I must have disallowed it. Otherwise, it cannot be pending so long.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—In case the questions are not allowed or modified, at least the member concerned may be intimated in the matter, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We do that.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—I submit to the Chair Sir, I have not heard from the Speaker in the matter.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You can ask the other Hon'ble Members. Generally they get the intimation whenever questions are disallowed or modified. I do not know how in this particular case, a mistake has been committed.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Not only in this case. I had previously given notice of an adjournment motion; you were pleased to disallow and ask me to put a short-notice question. Although we are drawing to the end of the session, I have not received the answers.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So far as short-notice questions are concerned, they will be put before me immediately after receipt and I will look into it. If it is admissible, I allow it, otherwise, I disallow the question, call the Hon'ble Member concerned and ask him whether he is willing to get his question converted into an ordinary question.

*Sri G. S. HOOVER (Chikpet).—I want one clarification. In the 23rd list of questions, it is put down as "Shri H. K. Siddaiya (Belur Scheduled Caste) and Sri N. Rachiah—Scheduled Caste" But in the case of Sri C. R. Armugam it is said: "Sri C. R. Armugam, K.G.F." I want to know

this : Sri Armugam is elected from the reserved constituency and he was a candidate of the scheduled caste federation. I want to know why in his case the term 'scheduled caste' is not mentioned after his name.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The mention of the caste is not compulsory. The Hon'ble Member Sri C. R. Armugam has not been shown as scheduled caste member. I think it is not necessary also. Instead of putting an indication that the Hon'ble Member belongs to scheduled caste, I am taking action to indicate only the constituency after the name of the member. In this particular case, Sri C. R. Armugam—K.G.F. is enough. It is enough to know from which constituency the member is elected to this House. It is not necessary to know whether he is elected from a reserved constituency or from a general seat, as it is not of much consequence.

2-30 P.M.

[Sri N. O. SAMAJI (In Marathi).—Sir, during the last two sessions there used to be a Marathi Reporter to report our Marathi speeches, but now I find that there is no Marathi Reporter to report our speeches. The Chief Minister had given us an assurance on the floor of the House in December last that all arrangements would be made to report our speeches in Marathi, but we are sorry to find that now there is no arrangement to report our speeches in Marathi. I have, therefore, to request that arrangements may be made to get a Marathi Reporter to report our speeches. If that is not possible, we request that we may be sent back to Bombay.]

Mr. SPEAKER.—I had made arrangements to record the Marathi speeches here, but from experience I find that Marathi speeches are very few. The Marathi members Sri V. S. Patil and Sri Sunthakar are trying to speak in English to make themselves more understood in the House. Only three members, namely Sri Samaji, Sri Birje and Sri Talwalkar are speaking in Marathi. It is not possible to have a Reporter for that. I have made alternative arrangement. Their

speeches will be recorded by the tape recording machine and they should be satisfied with that. Their speeches will not go unrecorded.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU (Cubbonpet).—Sir, one short notice question was sent last week in the names of myself, Sri Byre Gowda and a few others. That was with the idea of having certain information with regard to the food scarcity that is prevailing and the distress relief that is proposed to be given in that connection. If that question had been replied today or even before today it would have very much helped our discussion today. It is with that purpose that we tabled that short notice question, but unfortunately it has not come up before the House. Perhaps, it may lose all its significance and effect even if it is answered hereafter.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am not aware of that short-notice question. I do not agree with the Hon'ble Member when he says that if the short notice question had been taken up before, it would have facilitated the debate today. The debate is a different one altogether. It stands on a different footing and it will go on. If the Hon'ble Members feel that their short notice questions should be taken up on a subsequent day, I have no objection to it. I will look into the matter and if it is admissible then I will allow it. After the debate today we will consider the matter.

FOOD AND FAMINE SITUATION IN THE STATE.

*Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, I would like to know the procedure to be followed in this connection. It is stated that I am to move the motion. As a matter of fact, I had not made any request to that effect. As far as I know, the Leader of the Opposition had sent some adjournment motion or some other motion and this subject has been put up for discussion at the instance of the Leader of the Opposition. Therefore, I do not know why this motion has been put down in my name.